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MP Devolin testifies on Duffy visit to riding

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Barry Devolin said he felt like a pawn in a chess game when he testified in the trial involving former Conservative senator Mike Duffy on May 7.

On the stand for about an hour, Devolin said he was peppered with questions by Duffy's lawyer regarding a specific event the MP hosted in June of 2009.

Called Breakfast with Barry, the event was a regular fundraiser hosted by the Conservative Riding Association and in 2009 Duffy was invited as the guest speaker.

"He was a fairly new senator," said Devolin.

Devolin said the breakfast was clearly a party event, and therefore should not have been expensed as parliamentary business in his opinion, however Duffy's lawyer argued otherwise.

"Now what the court case is really focused on in this area is whether he was doing party business or parliamentary business, because if he's expensing it as parliamentary business then they want

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Rock 'n' roll is here to stay

Longtime friends Linda Rowe, front left, and Val Spratt crouch in front of from left, Mary Johnson, Irene Pollard, Gail Robinson, Joan Stoner and Stella Voisin, who dressed as the "pink ladies" during the Grease Sing-along fundraiser hosted by the Highlands Summer Festival on Saturday night, May 9 at the Legion in Haliburton. The ladies shared the women's best costume award while Gord Cochrane won for the guys. Close to 80 people attended the dinner and movie fundraiser for the festival.
/DARREN LUM Staff

Asian wasps to combat emerald ash borer

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Scientists are bringing parasitic species of wasp into Ontario in an attempt to deal with the invasive and destructive emerald ash borer.

Justin Gaudon, a PhD candidate at the University of Toronto, spoke about biological control of the emerald ash borer

during the annual research day event at Haliburton Forest on May 8.

Also referred to as the "green menace," the emerald ash borer is a shimmering green beetle native to Asia. It was first discovered in North America in the Windsor/Detroit area in 2002, although there is some evidence the species may have been on the continent before then. It is believed the insects first arrived in the wood of shipping materials from Asia.

"It is a quick killer," Gaudon said. "It kills ash trees really fast. When it's feeding, it's cutting off the flow of nutrients ... essentially girdling the trees."

The ash borer attacks many types of ash tree – green, red, blue, black, pumpkin – and today, it's estimated that 99 per cent of ash trees in the Windsor/Detroit area are dead.

There have been no confirmed sightings

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Impaired ATV rider arrested near Kennisis Lake

On May 2 at approximately 2:52 a.m., officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police were patrolling in the area of Kennisis Lake Road in Dysart et al when they observed the driver of an ATV operating the vehicle in an erratic manner.

The officers conducted a vehicle stop to check on the driver's sobriety. Upon speaking with the male driver, the officers immediately detected impairment by alcohol. The male was arrested and transported to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment for testing.

As a result of the vehicle stop, a 37-year-old man from Dysart et al has been charged under the Criminal Code of Canada with impaired driving and driving with more than 80 milligrams of alcohol in his blood.

The accused was released and is scheduled to make a first appearance at the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on June 3.

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Invasive insect likely in county, or soon to be

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of the ash borer in Haliburton County, but the beetles can be difficult to detect until they start to take their deadly toll.

County forestry conservation officer James Rogers has said that if the bug is not in the county already, it will be.

"The big question is can we get rid of it? And the short answer is no," Gaudon said, explaining that instead of trying to eradicate the pests "now we're in a slow-the-spread strategy."

People are using various techniques to attempt to reduce the spread of the emerald ash borer, from tree removal and wood quarantines to insecticides.

One tip to help reduce the spread is to avoid transporting firewood from one area of the province to another, instead using local wood for burning.

Gaudon and other scientists like him are trying to use biological controls on the emerald ash borer, through the introduction of enemy species.

"This is usually insects battling insect pests," he said.

In the case of the emerald ash borer, scientists are using different species of parasitoid wasps – native to China, like the beetles they prey on.

Wasps inject their eggs into emerald ash borers and young wasps then eat their hosts.

"It's like a glorified parasite that's eventually going to kill, instead of living on, the host," Gaudon said.

Someone pointed out this sounded a bit like the science fiction film *Alien*, in which vicious extraterrestrials lay their eggs inside of humans.

"There are similarities, yes," Gaudon laughed.

There is also some "fortuitous biological control" through some North American species of insect who have decided they too would use the emerald ash borer as host organisms.

"A combination of these parasitoids may be able to provide some relief," Gaudon said.

In his own work, Gaudon has taken parasitoid-infested logs into woodlots in Toronto, setting them against ash trees.

Base samples taken a year later have shown that some of the wasps are sticking around on these properties.

"Nothing to something . . . it's not significant, but it's something," Gaudon said.

Research day included talks on a variety of forestry-related topics from university profs and students.



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MadeInHaliburton.ca shuts down

Shoppers not keen on buying high-priced art online

JENN WATT

Editor

Online shopping may be a multi-billion dollar form of commerce, but it turns out there are some things consumers aren't willing to trust to the computer screen. Fine art is one of them.

At the end of March, Don and Marie Gage decided to shut down their online shop, MadeInHaliburton.ca, which offered locally made one-of-a-kind pieces.

"I think people just won't buy high priced art online. They will buy the odd piece of pottery or a photograph, but they just aren't prepared to purchase something really valuable online," said Marie Gage in an interview.

While the site also included a section devoted to ticket sales for area music events, the bulk of the offerings were art. At its most popular, the site featured the work of 55 Haliburton Highlands artists doing everything from painting to pottery.

"The artists really felt that we had done everything we possibly could to make it work and thanked us for all of the hard work ... and we're sad it hadn't worked, but felt there wasn't anything else we could do," said Marie.

The Gages had sent out a survey to involved artists to see if any alternatives existed that could keep the site running. The artists weren't interested in paying a fee to be on the site and no other ideas were forthcoming.

MadeInHaliburton.ca started in 2013 as a joint ven-

ture with the Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands and launched with a grant from the Ministry of Tourism and Culture's Cultural Strategic Investment Fund. That money was divided between several groups to effectively launch the site including special events at The Art Hive and creative services from TheRightEyedDeer Press. Money also went to photography equipment to properly showcase the work.

After the site was up and running, the Gages took it over. They tried several mechanisms to get people to the site including online pay-per-click ads, remarketing ads and they even had a storefront in Minden for a time.

"Traffic came to the website, but buyers didn't," Marie said.

The couple is thankful to the artists who were supportive throughout the process.

"We're very saddened that it didn't work but feel it was the only thing we could do," she said.

Traffic came to the website, but buyers didn't.

— Marie Gage
on why MadeInHaliburton.ca
didn't work out

Help keep Miskwabi area pristine join in annual MACA road clean-up

The Miskwabi Area Community Association (MACA) will hold its annual road clean-up on Sunday, May 17. All you have to do is meet at the Strickland Boat Launch on Trapper's Trail at 11 a.m. Bring along gloves, bug and sun protection.

The group will divide up and collect the garbage left along the roads, usually only an hour.

They will then get together for a barbecue with fellow MACA cottagers. Bring along your kids, or grand-kids to make them aware of what is left behind over the winter and encourage them to help keep the area green and clean.

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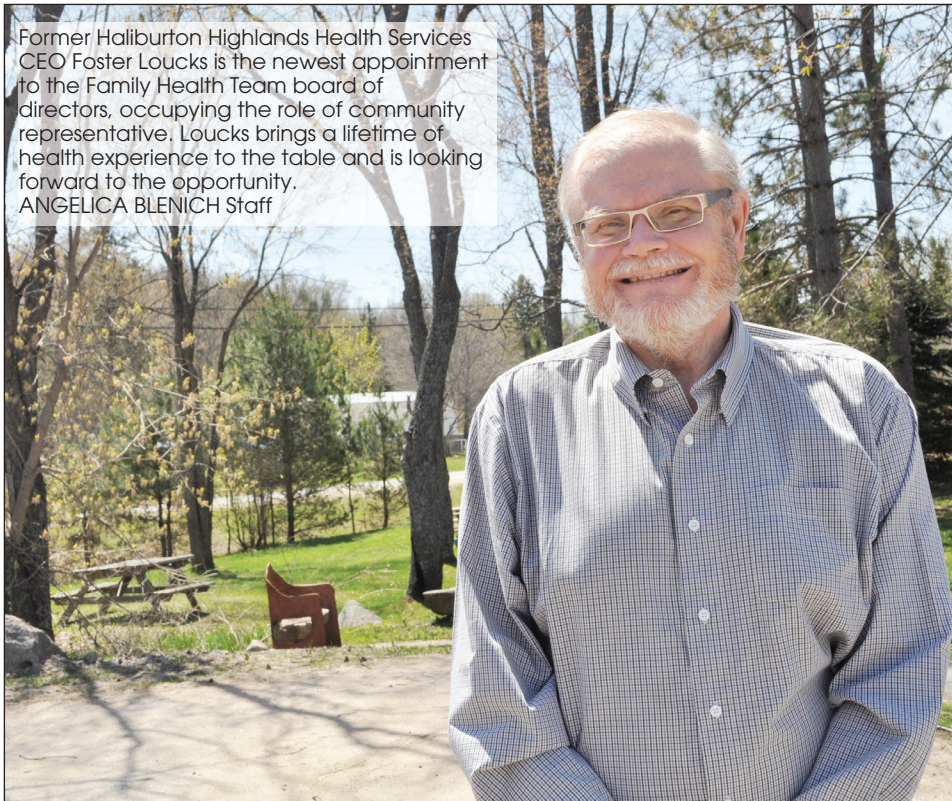
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Former Haliburton Highlands Health Services CEO Foster Loucks is the newest appointment to the Family Health Team board of directors, occupying the role of community representative. Loucks brings a lifetime of health experience to the table and is looking forward to the opportunity.
ANGELICA BLENICH Staff

Family Health Team board adds Loucks to its ranks

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

Foster Loucks has spent many years at the head of the board room but now he will be weighing in on health-care decisions from a different perspective.

In recent months, Loucks has joined the Family Health Team board of directors as its community representative, a new position for the organization.

Loucks was approached by the FHT board about the opportunity, hoping to tap into his wealth of health-care knowledge and expertise.

A former Haliburton Highlands Health Services CEO and most recently chairman of the local Central East LHIN integration, Loucks also spent years working in mental health services.

However the retired professional maintains that one of his most standout qualifications for the position of community representative is that, like you and me, he is a user of the health-care system in Haliburton County.

"I've had a lot of experience in health care over the years," said Loucks. "But more than that I was born and raised in this community, so I know the community ... it's been a real advantage I would say, having those roots in the community."

In existence since 2006, the FHT board of directors acts separately from the HHHS board and includes four physicians, the HHHS CEO as well as other directors, said FHT executive director Kim Robinson.

The board of directors oversees the FHT, which includes social workers, dietitians and other professionals.

"We're thrilled to have Foster on with his experience," said Robinson. "They [the board] help us determine where

some of the needs are and where our staff should be focusing, where the gaps are in the community. We then set-up programs to work in conjunction with the physicians."

One of the areas Loucks would like to focus on is that of primary care and its importance in the overall system.

"It really means your first point of contact with the health-care system," he said. "When you think of a health system it's equally important to think of that first contact and that's why this Family Health Team is so important because if you're not feeling well today you don't necessarily think about going to the hospital ... we have a walk-in clinic and if people have a family doctor they make an appointment ... so that part of the system really needs to work well for the health system to work well."

Loucks is looking forward to getting involved with the FHT, an organization he has full confidence in.

"I'm happy to be a part of this board and making a contribution," he said. "I think people in our community are pretty accepting of the services the Family Health Team provides."

Coming up to his 70th birthday this summer, Loucks has never been a more fervent supporter of first-class health care, which he believes the Highlands truly has.

He believes the FHT has played an integral role in building up the services throughout the community.

"Going back to my early days here, it's just remarkable what we have here today," he said. "Sometimes we get caught up in we don't have this and we don't have that. But for somebody who's about to turn 70 this summer and who's lived here when there was so much less, we have a wonderful system."

Duffy's time with MP was partisan business: Devolin

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to make the distinction was that true or not?" said the MP.

Prior to the Cambray event Duffy spent the evening in Peterborough and then left the riding after breakfast to head back to Toronto.

"Basically the questions to me from the Crown were what happened that day?" said Devolin. "I can't speak to his whole three-day timeframe ... they were talking to me as part of due diligence."

The MP explained that the senator was picked up by a volunteer in Peterborough, driven to the Cambray event, given a free breakfast and then left for the airport in a limo paid for by the riding association.

"In our case he only did one thing in the riding and it was clearly a party event," said Devolin.

"He and I did not have a separate meeting with the mayor or with the Chamber of Commerce. There was no other secondary activity that day."

Devolin said he can't remember all the details of what Duffy spoke about at the breakfast event but that it was likely about the most recent federal budget.

While the defence pointed out there was a North Korean human rights activist in attendance at the breakfast, Devolin doesn't believe Duffy was specifically attending the event to discuss foreign affair issues with the activist.

"You can tell the defence attorney is working an angle."

Devolin said Duffy's lawyer was trying to make the point that the definition for parliamentary business is vague, leaving room for interpretation.

"The House of Commons rules are different than the Senate," he said. "The point that Duffy's lawyer was trying to make is that the definition for a parliamentary visit is very broad and very vague and so long as he was talking about public issues, such as the budget, then that would qualify it as parliamentary business."

Devolin said while the rules are different, every MP understands that going to a party fundraiser is not public business. While Devolin said he knows some circumstances aren't black and white in terms of the Senate expense rules, he believes the Cambray event is.

"A party fundraiser, I don't know how it can be more partisan than that," he said. "There might be some things that are fuzzy in the middle but to me this isn't."

He said the Senate rules have changed over the years and are much stricter now than they were in 2009.

Rules aside, Devolin said much of what is being examined throughout the trial is a matter of integrity and common sense and whether or not Duffy abused the sys-

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— MP Barry Devolin

tem.

"The phrase that I have heard used is that senators are deemed honourable," he said. "There are times when I know that there are things I could expense that would probably be within the letter of the law, but in my mind I know it's not right ... you have a sense of whether it's fair or not."

Devolin said the trial was examining whether there was a pattern of behaviour and that the defence's argument that a party fundraiser could turn into an opportunity for parliamentary business through a conversation is a huge stretch.

"I said to someone jokingly that I went to Myrtle Beach two years ago and ran into a guy from Lindsay who was asking me political questions, so does that make it a work event for me?" Devolin said.

He said he believes Duffy's lawyer was making the argument the former senator was being singled out for claiming expenses that didn't qualify.

"I felt like a pawn on the chess board, rather than a bishop or a rook," he said.

Devolin said he was given the impression he would not have to testify again in the trial.

He asked one of the investigators whether the trial would be wrapping up soon.

"He said there's a lot more to come here," said Devolin. "I didn't get the sense when I was there that they were near the end."

He said there were only about 25 people in the courtroom when he took the stand, which was not what he was expecting.

"Maybe I've watched too many movies," he joked.

Devolin said he saw Duffy in the courtroom but there wasn't much opportunity to interact.

"He's obviously lost weight," said Devolin. "He certainly looks like someone who's had a health issue."

Duffy has been charged with 31 counts of fraud, breach of trust and bribery. He has pleaded not guilty and none of the charges have been proven in court.



Walkers Home Hardware officially opens

Home Hardware area manager Grant Allen, front left, came for the official chain cutting with owner Dale Walker, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey, owner Jerry Walker and manager Paul Walker to officially re-open the location on Highland Street. A large gathering came for the event 11 months after it was purchased by Walker, who was retired for a year before the purchase. The event included MPP Laurie Scott, Jamie Schmale on behalf of MP Barry Devolin, Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce president Eric Thompson, Business Improvement Area president Luke Schell and Dysart councillors Walt McKechnie, Derek Knowles and Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts. Allen also presented Walker with the Home Hardware gold saw for becoming a new dealer/owner. DARREN LUM Staff

New co-ordinator needed for Terry Fox Run



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JENN WATT

Editor

Since 1981, Haliburton Village has hosted a Terry Fox Run and Walter Tose hopes that tradition can continue.

After co-ordinating the fundraising event for three years, Tose is stepping back and hopes that someone in the community will "pick up the torch" and take over from him.

The role involves bringing together the elements of a successful run. Volunteers need to be organized to do registration, put up roadside signs on the day of the run and give out orange slices at the half-way mark. The co-ordinator also liaises with the police to help with road crossings and arranges refreshments donated by Haliburton's two grocery stores.

"It's really ... not that onerous a job," Tose said. "You need somebody who's going to take initiative to do this."

Each year, between 80 and 100 people come out to the Haliburton run. The group is a blend of local residents and cottagers, Tose says. Watching them complete the run and bring in money for the Terry Fox Foundation makes the job of co-ordinator a rewarding one.

"It is an important thing to be doing," he said.

The decision not to lead the event this year was a hard one for the retired teacher, who said he found himself stretched between too many responsibilities. He intends to continue participating in the run and will help anyone who steps up to take over the role.

The Terry Fox Foundation has been active since 1980, when Fox began the Marathon of Hope – raising \$1 per Canadian for cancer research. By 1981, the foundation had met that goal and today it raises about \$20 million a year.

The foundation is an independent charity with 33 staff in 10 offices across Can-

ada. Eighty-four cents of every dollar goes to research.

"I fully support the Terry Fox Foundation," Tose says. "It's one of the best in terms of bang for your buck."

Every year, the foundation holds a conference for its co-ordinators with information and speeches. Last year, one of the speakers was a young man who had the same cancer Fox had when he died. This man, however, had survived cancer, proving how far treatment has come.

This year's conference is at the end of the month and Tose is hoping the new co-ordinator can be found in time to attend.

The next Terry Fox Run is Sept. 20.

If you are interested, give Walter Tose a call at 705-457-4514.



Haliburton's Terry Fox Run co-ordinator Walter Tose has decided not to continue on in his role this year. He is hoping someone in the community will offer to take over. The run is Sept. 20 this year. JENN WATT Staff

Advisory committee to enhance Highlands East fire dept.

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at an May 12 meeting of Highlands East council.

A new volunteer fire department advisory committee has been created by council, with Reeve Dave Burton acting as the chair.

"The municipality wants to develop a fire services advisory committee that would look at developing and enhancing the fire department," said chief administrative officer and treasurer Sharon Stoughton-Craig. "Looking at the whole operation of it."

The committee was formed following approval from the township's solicitor, said Stoughton-Craig. How often the committee will meet has yet to be determined.

The meetings will not be open to the public, said Stoughton-Craig, who added that decision was also made with the input of the solicitor. Burton said no decisions will be made at these meetings.

"Can council receive minutes from these meetings?" asked Councillor Joan Barton. The CAO said that wouldn't be a problem.

Committee members include: chairman Dave Burton, councillor Cam McKenzie, fire chief Bill Wingrove, firefighter Dennis Mackay, firefighter Gerry Solmes, firefighter Jon English and recording secretary Chris Baughman.

A resolution to approve the new committee was passed.

HE wants mineral equipment from Frost Centre

The municipality is hoping to get their hands on some of the lapidary equipment at the Frost Centre in Algonquin Highlands.

The suggestion came from Michael Bainbridge, a local consultant who has been working with Highlands East on developing its mineral sites, said Stoughton-Craig.

Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge asked where the municipality would store the equipment if successful in obtaining it. Burton suggested using the former Wilberforce library.

"It's probably really good quality," said Councillor Cam McKenzie.

Councillors passed a resolution requesting the collection from Algonquin Highlands and the county of Haliburton.



Introducing Ringo

HHHS Foundation released its newest fundraising creature: Ringo the Raccoon last week. Seen here with HHHS support services staff member Cheryl Foyster, who named him. Ringo is sold for \$20 at the following locations:

Haliburton – Todd's Independent, CIBC, Cranberry Cottage, Foodland, The Ethel Curry Gallery, Post Office, BMO and Bonnieview Inn

Minden – Dollos Foodland, Canadian Tire (check them out in a garbage can!) TD Canada Trust, Post Office, My Size Fashions, CIBC, Information Centre

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HHHSF purchased about 1,200 and they always sell out very quickly.

This is the Foundation's 20th stuffed animal and the net amount raised is \$110,000. Submitted by Dale Walker

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Planning for summer

IT MAY STILL technically be spring, but in our hearts the May long weekend is the real beginning of summer. And as such, it's the perfect time to dream of what the next three months in the Highlands holds.

While it's essential to put in some time on the dock, at the cottage or hosting a barbecue on the deck, summer isn't complete without checking out a few community favourites.

Here are some promising events to get your planning started. (This is by no means a complete list. Keep your eyes peeled for the *Summer Guide* with more events listings coming out in June and distributed across Haliburton County for free.)

Shakespeare in the Park: Tentatively scheduled for August, the Highlands Little Theatre will be putting on several performances of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Complete with music and dance, this community event is in its first year.

Food and Beverage Showcase: Head to Wintergreen in Gelert for a showcase of local culinary delights and music. A fundraiser for the health care foundation and Help A Village Effort, it's a great way to get acquainted with great local food and meet your neighbours. Saturday, June 20 from noon to 5 p.m., call 705-286-3202 to RSVP.

Pan Am Community Celebration: Tickets may be sold out to watch the kayaking and canoeing competitions, but that doesn't mean you've missed the excitement of a

world event coming to Minden. Saturday and Sunday, July 18 and 19 there will be live demonstrations, paddle making, activities for kids and more. All at the Minden arena and cultural centre. Details by calling Elisha Weiss at the township 705-286-1936 extension 204.

Hop on, Hop off Bus: Running between Haliburton and Minden on Tuesdays, this take on the tour bus concept run by SIRCH includes storytelling, local trivia and stops between the two towns. It returns in time for Music in the Park in Haliburton. Three loops per day. Cost: \$10.

Kinmount Highland Games: For the first year in Kinmount, the games will include country dancing, athletics, pipes and drums and all things Scottish. Saturday, July 11 at the Kinmount Fairgrounds.

Garlic Festival: Buy delicious organic garlic from local growers on Saturday, Aug. 22 at the Stanhope Community Centre. Not only is there raw garlic, but garlic dips and spreads along with other artisans, entertainment and activities for kids. Plus it's free admission!

Of course, the above list skips so much great stuff – Canada Day in Minden, Forest Fest, Arts and Crafts Festival, Stanhope Heritage Day, Rotary Carnival, Highlands Summer Festival, wakeboarding championships, the list goes on.

The point is, there is so much to see and do, be sure to come in off the dock this summer and join in the fun.



jenn watt

Editorial



Spring blooms

by Darren Lum

Dance happens here

I WAS INVOLVED with Dusk Dances for the eight years that the show ran in Haliburton.

I co-ordinated the 50-plus volunteers it took each year to make the event happen. To everyone who volunteered, thank you. Your enthusiasm, dedication and ability to be flexible and do what needed to be done made the event so enjoyable for the audiences and the dancers. We all have so many beautiful memories of all the different dances that happened during the eight years.

I still remember the very first one when the dancer was wrapped in the blue silk up in the tree, and proceeded to move like a butterfly emerging from a cocoon and then dance down the silk and end by diving into the water. I was captivated by the event from that moment.

Anyone who saw the sheep when they were the opening act will remember how hard we laughed as the dancers, acting as sheep, engaged with the kids and adults. Audiences loved the Flock of Flyers. This humorous dance told the story of 217th Canadian Flying Squadron that had been left without any planes due to cutbacks. Determined to fly at any cost, the flyers continue their regimented training in an imaginary terrestrial airfield.

Another highlight was working with the Throwdown Collective (Zhenya Cerneacov, Mairéad Filgate and Brodie Stevenson) who created the pieces including The Box, The Couch and the

1981 FM piece that they did in the car last summer.

Of course the highlight for many people over the years were the local pieces local choreographers created with local kids. What an amazing opportunity for our kids not only to dance in the park at dusk to audiences of 600 people, but to work with professional dancers. I loved the investment in our kids. Our parks are stunning and our natural beauty makes outdoor dance a perfect event to be offering in Haliburton County.

Our committee met again this past week for the first time since the decision to not bring Dusk Dances back (the decision was based on finances). What we have come to realize is that we are totally dedicated to supporting dance across the county in beautiful outdoor settings. We have lots of ideas of ways that we can continue to work with local and professional dancers in a more affordable way. We

have already started to work on some projects that will happen this summer in Haliburton and Minden so watch out for outdoor dance opportunities being offered in conjunction with other events.

DH3 (Dance Happens Here, Haliburton) is a newly formed group and we are excited to be working on some new projects. We will be looking for volunteers and I will be calling! For these reasons, and many more this is why I love living in Haliburton. There is always a new possibility!

Tales from
the great



Lynda Shadbolt

green meadow



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points of view

A dog of a column

YESTERDAY MORNING I WALKED downstairs to where my spaniel Callie spends most of her free time lounging around, chewing on things I value and generally living the good life. But when I got there, I noticed something quite unusual. Callie had dragged an old *Haliburton County Echo* editorial page into her dog crate. More curious still, it happened to be the page my column is on.

I know this is hard to believe, but it appeared, for all intents and purposes, that she was reading it.

I mention this for two reasons. First, it proves that this column has wider appeal than previously thought – and that might come in handy when I renegotiate my fee. Second, it also illustrates why I like dogs better than budgies – at least Callie did not do unspeakable things to that page.

Did Callie actually read my column?

Clearly, we will never know. But the fact that she was shaking her head and looking at me with disappointment might indicate that this was a distinct possibility.

Then again, she might have never got the chance. I might have taken that column away before she found the time to read it. Or, more likely, I could have lost her after the opening paragraph. It wasn't exactly my best effort.

Between you and me, I have always harboured suspicions that dogs can read.

How else can you explain why they get antsy whenever we pull into the veterinarian's parking lot? Or why they get excited when you carry a bag of dog food in the house?

Having said that, I also believe that, like the rest of us, they'd rather watch TV – any show with Frisbees actually.

Nevertheless, I'm starting to see all sorts of circumstantial evidence around here that indicates at least a basic interest in reading.

For example, Callie has not actually eaten a book or magazine in over a year. Moreover, the last book she ate was *Wuthering Heights*. That happens to be the very same book – had I possessed the digestive tract of a dog – I would have eaten in high school. That would have been much preferred to actually reading it.

This indicates, to my mind at least, that Callie has a rudimentary understanding of the fact that all great literature is virtually unreadable.

Kind of makes you think huh?

I know I'm opening up a can of worms here.

Let's face it, if dogs could read it would change the literary scene entirely – and probably not for the better. Like any trend, there would be all sorts of writers who would jump on the bandwagon immediately, writing things that would subtly appeal to the canine market.

Fortunately, I'm not one of those cats. You'll never catch me throwing frivolous bones just so I can secure a lucrative contract writing dog-based romance novels. Ones that might eventually be bought, turned into screenplays and eventually opted into a movie treatment. Not that I've given it much thought.

Nor will you catch me writing about the subtle beauty of a stick that has been thrown in the water at a beach where there are plenty of people to shake your wet coat at. And I will never describe an unattended slipper that has been saturated with foot odour, though this might also be very titillating to our best friends.

Besides, the more I think about this incident with Callie, the more I suspect it was either a practical joke perpetrated by Jenn or my daughter Carmen. Or a funny coincidence.

You see, I believe a dog has as much chance of reading as I have of being the No. 1 draft pick in the National Basketball Association.

If it reveals anything at all, it might confirm my suspicion that the universe has a great sense of humour.

It was a column about cats.



steve
galea

Loon Tales



pic of the past

Our Dad, Bert Ballantyne, will be 98 years young on May 16 this year. He first came to Haliburton Lake in the mid 1950s with Arnold Kolstead and joined the Hodgsons' hunt camp at the north end of the lake. He met some of the best friends of his life there: Arnold, Joe Iles, Buck Baker, Al Blanchard, "Squeak" Robertson, Doc Good, George Hunt, Neil Howe, Clay Hodgson, Lou Hodgson, Premier Leslie Frost and many more.

These pictures are from the late 50s. Premier Frost is kneeling in front. Dad is standing at the back right. Submitted by Barbara Hamilton

letters to the editor

Branding campaign takes the cake

To the Editor,

I read with disbelief last week's article in the *Echo* about Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization's summer campaign launch "Welcome to Nowhere."

I'll tell you where nowhere is...when you live in the city and feel depressed. That's when you feel like you're stuck in nowhere!

In my previous career, I spent 12 years in various sales and marketing capacities in the hotel industry and then started a Toronto based hotel and resort representation business, which I ran for almost 20 years.

During that time, I saw many branding campaigns come and go, but this one takes the cake!

OHTO's marketing agency has obviously missed the boat. I believe asking tourists to go "nowhere" is both negative and disengaging not to mention demeaning.

Plus, what is the benefit of going nowhere? What is the draw? I don't know whose "nowhere state of mind" they're referring to but what I do know is that this campaign doesn't make sense and needs a re-think.

Dave Allen
Haliburton

More letters to the Editor on page 8

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letters

Sitting in beautiful somewhere

To the Editor,

Since I read the *Echo* last evening, I have this song running through my head "He's a nowhere man sitting in a nowhere land"strange because I feel like I am a some-

body sitting in a beautiful somewhere land – named Haliburton.

I wonder if anyone else feels the same?

Joan Cameron
Haliburton

Local theatre and music entertains

To the Editor,

Applause! Applause! Applause!
Over the last few weeks, we have been an audience to a variety of musical treats ... all first rate!

Hats off ... to Bill Gliddon, Curtis Eastmuir and the entire cast and crew of Highlands Little Theatre's delightful production of *Pirates of Penzance*.

Kudos ... to the Concert Series organizing committee for last Saturday's first offering, The Gryphon Trio. They were brilliant!

And finally, bravo to Melissa Stephens, Lauren McInnes and the Highlands Festival Singers, for their stellar concert performance of *Flowers and Gardens*, last Sunday afternoon and Tuesday evening.

The leadership, dedication to rehearsals and musical expertise of all involved in these events, inspired and uplifted everyone.

What a great way to welcome spring! Thank you.

Cheryl and Anne Cohoon
Wilberforce

Online Opinions: Tweets and messages from readers

What's your favourite part of the May long weekend?

Robert Shields

Enjoying a cold beer after finally getting the dock in.

Erica Bowman-Medlar

Extra time spent with family.

Sandra Ada

Yard sales of course! Bring on the pickin season!

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Upcoming Geranium Tea supports health services in Haliburton

JOAN STINSON

Haliburton hospital auxiliary

This year brings our Haliburton hospital auxiliary to its 44th year as a volunteer group raising funds to purchase items for the Haliburton Hospital.

Each year the medical staff identify the equipment they need to provide high quality care at the hospital, as there is not enough money in their budget for these items. The auxiliary chooses some of these items from the list to work towards.

On the wish list will be items requested from all the departments, including acute care, emergency, physiotherapy, long term care and telemedicine.

Last year we raised \$68,902.

Our fundraisers are many, and with hard work from members, made up of a group of ladies and gentlemen who spend many hours accomplishing a lot.

We have our Christmas ornaments, Christmas Day Bake Sale, Visit with Santa, Tag Day, Taste of Italy Dinner, geranium sales and Geranium Tea, Barrel of Wine Sale and Quilt Raffles.

Our gift shop in the main lobby of the hospital has a beautiful array of gifts for yourself or someone in your life. We're open Monday to Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. That's where you can purchase

tickets for raffles, Barrel of Wine and all our events.

We have two fundraisers coming up: geranium sales: just in time to plant for the summer. Contact Elinor at 705-754-7825.

In pink or red - a flat of 10, \$32 (no mixing colours).

Geranium Tea:

The auxiliary is raising money to purchase a treatment chair for the emergency room at a cost of \$2,000. It is used for those unable to get up and lie on the examination tables.

The tea takes place May 24 at the Haliburton Curling Club, 1 to 3:30 p.m.

It includes lunch, a loonie auction, gift shop items, door prizes and fun for all.

Contact Debra at 705-457-1235 for tickets, which cost \$15. They can also be purchased at our gift shop.

Be a member: Meetings the first Wednesday of every month except July and August at the Haliburton Hospital in the Ruth Parkes Room at 1:30 p.m.

This year we have purchased pressure mattresses for the emergency department at a cost of \$13,800, a slit lamp at \$14,000, new wing chairs and table and chairs for the dining room for Highland Wood. We have also contributed \$25,000 to the Palliative Care Unit. These are some of the items donated by the auxiliary.



Judy Skinner helps guests pick out merchandise to buy at the second annual Geranium Tea, hosted by the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary last year. The annual fundraiser raises funds to purchase much needed equipment for HHHS. This year's Geranium Tea will take place on May 24 at the Haliburton Curling Club from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased by calling 705-457-1235 or at the Haliburton hospital gift shop. FILE PHOTO

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Haliburton Fire and Rescue is reminding everyone that as of April 15, carbon monoxide alarms are required in your home if you have a fuel-burning appliance, a fire-place or an attached garage.

If your home has a fuel-burning appliance, a fire-place or an attached garage, you must have a working CO alarm adjacent to each sleeping area of the home. For added protection, install a carbon monoxide alarm on every storey of the home according to manufacturer's instructions. Fuel-burning appliances can include furnaces, hot water heaters, gas or wood fireplaces, portable fuel-burning heaters, generators, barbecues, stoves and vehicles.

Homeowners and owners of residential buildings that contain no more than six suites must be in compliance with the law as of April 15. Owners of residential buildings with more than six suites have until Oct. 15, 2015 to comply.

The law will be enforced by the Haliburton Fire and Rescue. Failure to comply with the CO alarm requirements could result in a fine of up to \$50,000 for individuals or \$100,000 for corporations. The minimum fine for homeowners found to not be complying with the law is a \$295 ticket.

The Ontario Fire Code was amended Oct. 15, 2014 to require CO alarms after the provincial government passed Bill 77 – the Hawkins Gignac Act, in December 2013. Bill 77 is named after OPP Constable Laurie Hawkins, who died, along with her husband and two children, in her Woodstock, Ont. home from CO poisoning in 2008.

The Ontario Fire Code also requires that in condo and apartment buildings with a service room, CO alarms must be installed in the service room and adjacent to each sleeping area of all apartments above, below and beside the service room. In condo or apartment buildings that have a garage, CO alarms must be installed adjacent to each sleeping area of all apartments above, below and beside the garage.

In Ontario, more than 80 per cent of injuries and deaths from CO occur in the home. We want to ensure everyone

is safe from CO. Install CO alarms, and do everything you can to prevent CO in your home in the first place.

What is CO?

CO is known as the silent killer because it is an invisible, tasteless and odourless gas that can be deadly.

CO is produced when fuels such as propane, gasoline, natural gas, heating oil or wood do not burn completely in fuel-burning appliances and devices such as furnaces, gas or wood fireplaces, hot water heaters, stoves, barbecues, portable fuel-burning heaters and generators and vehicles.

Prevent CO in your home

- Ensure all fuel-burning appliances in your home are inspected annually. Visit COSafety.ca to find a registered contractor near you.
- Check that all outside appliance vents are not blocked.
- Never use a portable fuel-burning appliance inside (i.e. barbecues, portable heaters and generators).

Know the symptoms of CO

- Exposure to CO can cause flu-like symptoms such as headaches, nausea, dizziness, as well as confusion, drowsiness, loss of consciousness and death.
- If your CO alarm sounds, and you or other occupants suffer from symptoms of CO poisoning, get everyone out of the home immediately. Then call 9-1-1 or your local emergency services number from outside the building.
- If your CO alarm sounds and no one is suffering from symptoms of CO poisoning, check to see if the battery needs replacing, or the alarm has reached its "end-of-life" before calling 9-1-1.

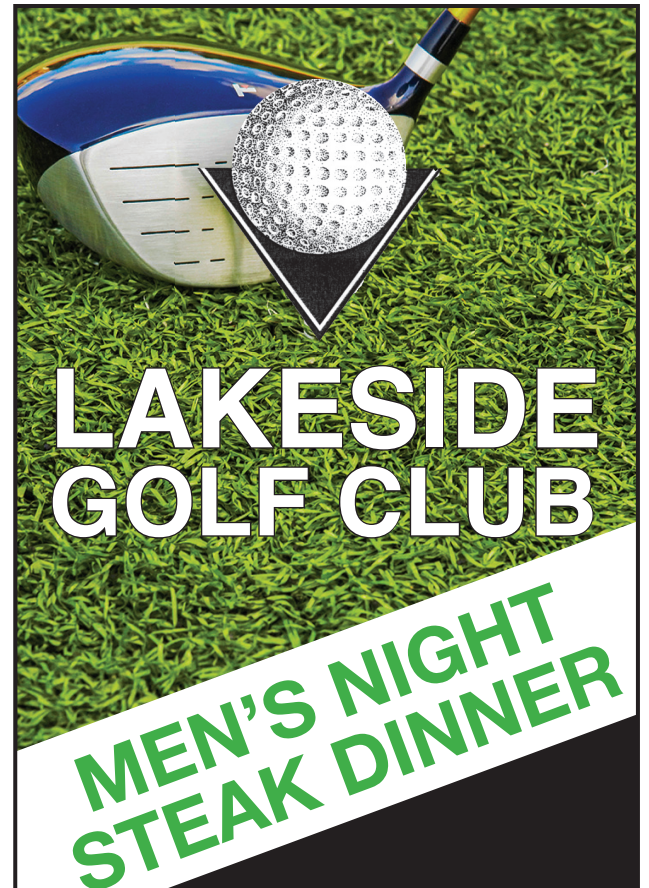
Know the sound of your CO alarm

Your CO alarm sounds different than your smoke alarm. Test both alarms monthly and make sure everyone in your home knows the difference between the two alarm sounds.

Don't be confused by the sound of your CO alarm's low-battery warning. Follow your CO alarm manufacturer's instructions so you know the difference between the low-battery warning, the "end-of-life" warning, and the alarm alerting you to the presence of CO in your home.

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Submitted by fire chief Miles Maughan



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A Senior's Moment

Imagine: enforced imprisonment for over a week. At my age, this is one of the few times, I appreciated my captors, actually singing their praises for their work and services.

But once again, I am free and released on my own recognizance and in charge of my own care.

For those of you who are not aware (or don't give a darn) I have been in hospital for nearly two weeks and what an experience that has been for a man like me who for many years has been in on the decision making for himself and his family and now that was lost to me.

Someone else decided when I would awaken, bathe, eat, take medications, nap, visit with friends, etc. This was quite a change for me.

Thank God for the patient and understanding staff at our local hospital. They were wonderful, happy, warm and giving.

While incarcerated, I learned the value of quiet time and the very important value of caring visitors.

To all of those who came to see me, to all who have

phoned during my sojourn in the hospital and called since, to all the senders of warm messages in beautiful cards, to all of our dear friends who have shown their love: thank you.

Special thanks as usual to my wife who was always at my side even when the timing was difficult and special thanks to my sister, her husband and my Irish nieces and nephew for their thoughtfulness, but very special thanks to my kids and grandkids who took time to visit the old boy.

Such thoughtfulness and consideration makes me love you even more.

But enough of that stuff. I am now home and trying to do all that has been dictated to me by my caregivers.

For an old stubborn lad, this is not always easy. I can honestly advise all Haliburton seniors that the love and caring they give out will come back to them, tenfold. It did for me.

Live. Love. Laugh. Enjoy what time we have here. Show your love. Hide your dislikes and petty ways we don't have time for.

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Andrea Percy examines portraits of students from the Owen Sound area that line the walls of the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton on Thursday, May 7, for the *Be Our Ally* exhibition. This multimedia production included a play at the high school, audio, photography and music. The exhibition continues at the gallery until May 16. JENN WATT Staff



Be Our Ally project facilitator Joan Chandler speaks with Rachel Gillooly at Rails End Gallery after the play at the high school. The exhibition includes portrait photos, audio and a song written by Owen Sound students.

Multi-faceted exhibition asks viewers to fight homophobia

JENN WATT

Editor

Two boys go to the school dance together. They are ridiculed, beaten up and rejected. If you saw this happening, what would you do?

That is the premise of the play *Be Our Ally*, which was performed at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Thurs-

day.

But there's a twist: the audience can (and is encouraged to) do something about it. In this performance, organizers ask students to speak up when something's gone awry and in some cases join the play, acting out how things could have gone differently.

As actor Tony Babcock explains, this is called forum theatre and is an innovative way to engage students and let them act

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It can be a training ground for kids to stand up to a bully.

— Tony Babcock
actor

out anti-bullying scenarios.

“It can be a training ground for kids to stand up to a bully,” says Babcock, who explains that while the play is about homophobia, bullies target people for being different in all sorts of ways. It also allows students to come up with answers to hate and discrimination on their own.

The play was written by Joan Chandler, who runs a community arts company based in Owen Sound called Sheatre. *Be Our Ally* was based on scenes created after consulting with kids in the Owen Sound area, she explained.

Chandler took their real life struggles and turned them into the play. She said forum theatre gives students the language to handle bullies and through the participatory nature of the play are able to teach each other.

The play had already been to 24 other schools before it made its way to Haliburton and Chandler said reception was good overall. She has received a few letters from parents before the play was shown in some towns and that not all students react to the content with acceptance and maturity.

Actor Eva Barrie's character is a bully in the play and she said there was one performance in another school where a student decided to speak up and stand against the gay students attending the dance. He said he agreed with Barrie's character that they shouldn't be allowed in.

Barrie said she turned the situation around by asking the rest of the audience if they agreed with their peer. The room was silent.

“By the end we did see some contemplation going on [with that student],” she said. He even applauded at the end of the performance.

While it is all an act and the actors are

professionals, Barrie said it does take an emotional toll to have to argue a homophobic perspective, especially when it's time for the students to get on the stage.

Her job is to prompt them to make their arguments for why the gay students shouldn't be bullied. “It's tough to get in that skin,” she said.

In addition to the play, *Be Our Ally* also includes a travelling multimedia exhibition including portrait photos of some of the students who were involved in the project, audio stations to listen to kids tell their stories and a song written by students.

Musician David Sereda (who prefers his name entirely lower case) worked with students in Gay-Straight Alliances at three schools to write the song *Beyoutiful*. He said the lyrics came to the students when they were thinking about friends of theirs who weren't attending the gathering because they were too scared to be there.

He asked the kids to write the song to that person. What would they want to say?

“Be you,” was one of the phrases, which morphed into Be-you-tiful.

“It was a very inspiring group,” Sereda says. It took about three weeks of work to pull together. Plans are underway to record it, potentially in a *We Are the World* style with well-known Canadian singers.

Tying the pieces together at the exhibition are portraits of some of the students, which currently line the walls of the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton. The black-and-white photographs were taken by Anna Gaby-Trotz and document the individuality but also the normality of the participants.

Gaby-Trotz said her goal was never to stage or pose the students, but to allow them to express themselves – capturing their spirit in images.

The photos were displayed at the Supporting Performing Arts in Rural Communities conference and one person made a comment that encapsulates the feeling everyone should come away with, the artist said.

“Someone said, ‘they just look like people,’” she said. And that's the point: without labelling the photos either with the subject's name or sexual orientation, they stand to demonstrate that we're all just people.

Be Our Ally is on at the Rails End Gallery until May 16.



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Gord Kidd inducted into Hall of Heroes

DARREN LUM
Staff Reporter

Gord Kidd smiled and did what came naturally to him to show his appreciation for being inducted into the Canadian Hearing Society Peterborough region Hall of Heroes.

He sang, *Time with Friends*, an original song of his, with his guitar for the Echo Hills residents, staff, friends and representatives of the CHS, who officially inducted him on Thursday, May 7 at the Echo Hills apartments in Haliburton.

Kidd, who has operated his hearing service business with wife Kathryn in Haliburton County for 29 years, was surprised by the recognition and the event that included cake and a presentation of a framed photo with appreciative comments.

CHS Peterborough regional director Maggie Doherty-Gilbert told everyone if they want to see a hero they need to just look in Kidd's direction.

Kidd earned the CHS Hall of Heroes award because of his generous spirit in working with the charitable multi-service organization that provides a wide range of services to assist people who are deaf or have difficulty hearing.

He allowed them to operate regularly in his Haliburton location every third Wednesday each month and

Kathryn Kidd and husband Gord were happy to be recognized by the Canadian Hearing Society (CHS) Peterborough Region on Thursday, May 7 at the Echo Hills Apartments in Haliburton. Gord was inducted into the Hall of Heroes at the Peterborough region office for his generosity in allowing the CHS to regularly use his Haliburton and Minden offices for more than five years. There has been 10 Hall of Heroes inducted since 1996./DARREN LUM Staff



by appointment at his Minden office for more than five years.

The arrangement, he said, wasn't a "big deal" to him and was helpful for his clients, allowing them to receive service without having to leave the county.

Being generous isn't that unusual for Kidd, as he is well-known for his music, having played at events and all the long-term care facilities in the county.

The presentation also included recognition for his wife Kathryn, who was presented flowers.

Kidd's photo and plaque will hang at the Peterbor-

ough office.

The CHS Peterborough Region serves Haliburton, Northumberland, Durham, Kawartha Lakes and Peterborough.

Doherty-Gilbert said Kidd does more than help; he is a "life saver."

She adds co-operation is what makes a community.

"The more we can help each other the better we will be," she said.

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Where are they now?

Bottum living the top sports fan's dream

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The following is the start of the regular series, *Where are they now?* about former Haliburton County residents who are living interesting lives.

Imagine getting paid to watch National Hockey League games in the ultimate recreation room.

That's what Haliburton Highlands Secondary School alumnus Ryan Bottum gets to do during the professional hockey season.

The long and lean 26-year-old Brock University graduate was raised in Haliburton by Norm and Janet Bottum.

He is entering his second season as a co-ordinator in the hockey operations department with the NHL, which is a room located on the 10th floor of a non-descript office tower that is part of the Air Canada Centre in downtown Toronto on Bay Street.

The room is close to the size of a school classroom. On the left wall, there is a giant bank of five high-definition televisions that can be quartered, showing different angles such as the goal line in and above the net and different feeds (all the broadcasters, live and time-delayed like what people see at home). It includes a collection of stations each with a phone, four monitors, a laptop and a notepad where a person sits and watches games, recording pertinent details. In the middle of it all is usually senior vice-president of hockey operations Mike Murphy, who is in charge and has the final say on video reviews. He sits on a raised middle area known as the bridge.

Whenever there is communication between the situation room or from one of the 30 arenas a red strobe flashes. In the situation room multiple overhead strobes flash.

(When I was there for my tour Murphy made a decision on a goal during the Washington Capitals and the New York Islanders series within a few seconds after a quick review of the screens, demonstrating its effectiveness.)

It's well known that the situation room is the envy of the sports world, as the National Basketball Association, Major League Baseball, the National Football League and other leagues around the world are looking to use it for their own purposes.

According to past articles, since the situation room started a few years ago its efficiency has dramatically improved thanks to the fibre-optic technology to enable real-time feeds. Decisions that used to take several minutes before has been reduced to a little more than two minutes or less.

The purpose of situation room is to be the eyes for every NHL game and monitor everything, whether it be the calls made or the calls not made. There's at least two pairs of eyes on a game.

Better late than never seems to have worked in Bottum's favour.

"I was lucky enough to get the position through a networking opportunity provided to me by Dr. Aoife Conway and her husband Dan Reid who are related to Kris King who is the senior vice president of hockey operations," he wrote in an email. "Initially I was looking for an internship out of school but I ended up doing that elsewhere and then working with the [OHL's] Belleville Bulls. I was able to stay in touch and when they started looking to hire some new people for the 'war room' I was lucky enough to get an interview and get the job."

King also has the authority to deliver verdicts on video reviews.



The National Hockey League's situation room is sports fan's dream and it just happens to be Haliburton Highlands Secondary School alumnus Ryan Bottum's place of work for close to two years. Bottum, who sits at one of several stations in the situation room, is amazed by the opportunities that have come from working as a co-ordinator in the hockey operations department for the NHL. /DARREN LUM Staff

The political science and sports management graduate said he didn't even know this job existed before he was told.

He said during the season he will work seven days a week sometimes.

To be good at this job requires a "good understanding" of the game.

"Everyone who works in the room has either played hockey at a high level or worked in the hockey industry. Other than that it is just the ability to watch the game from a different perspective and be calm under pressure," he wrote. "If there is a controversial call I know there are the other guys in the room and Mike Murphy who will make the final call so it's just a matter of making sure you're 100 per cent sure of a call and doing it quickly because you have 18,000 people in the arena not to mention those watching from home all waiting for you to make your decision, some of which obviously could affect a team's ability to make the playoffs."

The highest level of hockey he reached was as a defenceman for the junior A teams, the Bancroft Hawks and the Lindsay Muskies during the mid-2000s.

This has been a way for him to stay with the game he loves.

When Bottum was growing up he was an Ottawa Senators fan, but now only finds time to watch his childhood friend Matt Duchene play hockey for the Colorado Avalanche or his friend and roommate Clayton's brother Cody Hodgson, who plays for the Buffalo Sabres.

If he comes home to his Toronto residence after an evening shift the last thing he is doing is watching more hockey.

For this coming school year, he is applying to schools to further his studies and hopes to obtain his master of business administration. There are a lot of opportunities available through this job, he said.

Getting more education can only help him with more opportunities, he said.

He said if he attends a program in Toronto that he will continue to work in the situation room, albeit with reduced hours, which will be accommodated for schooling.

There is a team atmosphere where the support from others was evident, he said, when he started.

"Everyone is helping out so when I first started any close play the guys would run over to help me. As for getting an eye for what we need to be looking for it probably took me a couple of months because I really had to train myself to watch from a more analytic perspective as opposed to just being a fan and watching for great plays and goal," he wrote.

The operations department, he said, is essentially working every day from the beginning of pre-season in September until there is a Stanley Cup winner in June. This includes more than 1,200 games over six months. There can be as many as 10 games on a given night.

Last year he worked right into the semi-finals and this year he continues to work this round, watching the Calgary and Anaheim series.

"A typical day at work for me I arrive at the office late afternoon and prepare for a specific game. Each person in our department is responsible for at least one game per night. So I will come in and prepare for the game, look to see if there is any history between the two teams, any conflicts in the last game that might boil over," he wrote. "We also have different focal points we need to prepare for the general managers at their meetings. So we collect data on many different plays throughout the game so when the general managers want to see data on things such as overtimes/shootouts, or instances where coaches challenge may be useful we have all the data already collected."

Bottum's attention is on the officials during the game, whether they are making good, bad or missing calls on the ice.

"This data can be presented to the referees to help them get better as well as help the league decide which refs work best together and who will be best suited to make the playoffs. I am watching for injuries, as well as dirty plays that may need to be sent to the player safety department," he said. "Most importantly, my job is to determine if a puck goes into the net in a legal fashion. So any play around the net I am checking to find out exactly where that went and if it crosses the line I need to know if it enters in a legal fashion. I am working closely with King and Murphy who oversee the entire department so if there is a controversial play I will work with one of those two who will then make the final call on all plays."

The advantages of the job is more than just watching hockey, he adds.

"The best part of the job is definitely just the ability to watch hockey with so many great hockey minds, to hear their opinions on everything that is going on in the league and every play. It really is basically every guy's dream to watch hockey and work in the central hub of hockey in North America," he said.

He doesn't really see a downside to this job and has been thankful for this unique opportunity.

"I have a great time talking and watching hockey with all the guys and I am very fortunate to have this opportunity and I just plan to continue to work hard and hopefully some more doors will continue to open for me," he said.

So, if an opportunity was to present itself elsewhere he'd definitely consider it because he loves all the sports represented by the professional leagues.

As far as the opportunities go regarding his job with the NHL, there really isn't a shortage even within the league with 30 teams and another NHL office in New York City that includes some 600 employees. He said there is a lot of movement when it comes to employees and that general managers of all the teams pay a visit to the situation room at some point in the season.

However Bottum knows that whatever happens he would be just as happy living the simple life in Haliburton where the air is clean, the lakes plenty and the smiles beam.



The situation room provides every imagineable angle and broadcast feed for all NHL games./DARREN LUM Staff



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Haliburton Highlands Secondary School participants in the second annual Journée Franco-Anglo-FUN: Communiquer-Fun! event work together to cross the metal cord during the team building exercise, Mohawk Walk on Monday, May 4 at Medeba. This was one of several team building activities that encouraged communication and fun with French. The event, which also included French board games, crafts and art projects, promises to continue next year and may include French students from across the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.
/DARREN LUM Staff

Giving a hand to improve students' French

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students reach across a two metre expanse, balancing on a metal cord between trees, learning to work together using their French language skills in an effort to cross four sections together on Monday morning, May 4 at Medeba for the 2nd annual Journée Franco-Anglo-FUN: Communiquer-Fun!

The team building activity called Mohawk Walk was part of several team building exercises in the morning of the high school's effort to encourage French use outside of school.

There were 40 students between Grade 9 and 12 in the core and French immersion streams who attended the day-long event funded by the Trillium Lakelands District School Board's Program Enhancement Funding.

Organizer and HHSS teacher Rebeka Borgdorff said

the event was successful and hopes to apply for the enhancement funding again to not only run a similar event next year, but also invite another school from within the TDLSB.

"The aspects of team-building in French, rock climbing, free time for socializing (which was encouraged to be done in French), a French talent show, a French themed lunch, French table games and French t-shirt making were all a hit and could most definitely be incorporated in future events," she wrote in an email.

She said this year's full day offering at Medeba was an improvement to last year's event, which was held at the school and only for half a day.

Medeba not only had facilities, but also had two staff members that spoke French fluently.

All of the participants were organized into four groups for the morning with two moving together between team building activities such as Tetris Cube where half the group was blindfolded and the other half sighted that gave French commands to move a variety of milk

crate structures to create a tower and rock climbing. By the afternoon, the participants individually moved to the various activity offerings such as French board games, T-shirt making and crafts. The day was divided by a provided French themed lunch, which included poutine, a make-your-own baguette sandwich and chocolate mousse for dessert.

The event also included an event ending student talent show, showcasing the artwork, films and skills acquired during the day.

Borgdorff said students completed mandatory five question (short answer) surveys and the resounding result was the event was a success, but needs to be longer.

Participant Alix Uzelac Vedris said, "I think more students should attend events like this because it's a great fusion of fun and learning."

Another participant, Naomi Russell said, "Today I learned to take risks and try new things."

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Highland Storm Minor Hockey will be having spring registration again this year. Due to rising costs the registration is going up for the first time in years. We will have registration forms available the nights of registration.

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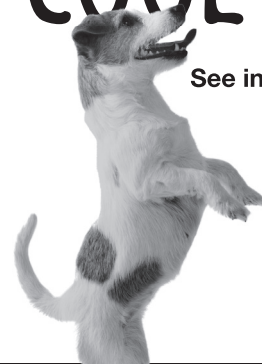
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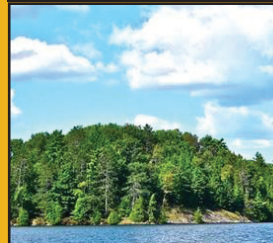
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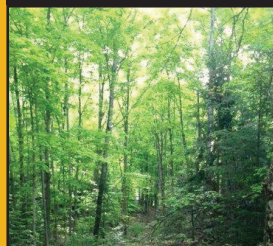
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Nearly \$5,000 raised for dental care

The second annual Volunteer Dental Outreach (VDO) Bowlathon was a major success, raising close to \$5,000 to help provide free urgent dental care to local residents in need.

A total of 42 bowlers participated in the fundraiser at Fast Lane Bowling in Minden on May 2.

“To be able to nearly match the amount raised at our first event last year is quite a feat,” said Mark Arike, event organizer and VDO board member. “The community stepped up yet again and this clearly demonstrates that they are aware of the importance of the services our dedicated volunteers provide.”

Special guests included Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott, Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin, federal election candidates Mike Perry (NDP), Jamie Schmale (Conservative) and William MacCallum (Green), and volunteer dentists Dr. John Purc and Dr. Michael Proctor.

Special thanks go to Sheila and Gord Pitcher, owners of Fast Lane Bowling, for hosting the event.

Since its inception in May of 2011, the VDO’s team of volunteer dentists, hygienists and other dental professionals have provided \$1.28 million in urgent dental care to 519 patients from across Haliburton County. This equals 3,711 separate appointments.

With 49 individuals on the waiting list as of May 5, the VDO continues to address an important need in the community.

The VDO’s next major fundraiser of the year – the fifth annual golf tournament – takes place on Thursday, Aug. 20 at Blairhampton Golf Club in Minden. The event will include a lunch catered by chef Christoph Carl of Rhubarb restaurant.

For more information about the tournament or the VDO, visit dental-outreach.com.

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Haliburton Highlands Golf Club under new ownership

The Haliburton Highlands Golf Club new owners David Gervais, left, and wife Darlene, Eldon Bull and wife Dale, who are past owners, are happy to welcome new and returning golfers to one of the oldest (from 1932) courses around when they have their soft opening on May 15. The grand opening is expected in June. The par three eighth hole with its view of Lake Kashagawigamog is the signature hole. The two couples decided several weeks ago to purchase the club and took ownership on May 6. The club is offering “9 and Dine” weekly events: men’s night Wednesday; a ladies’ night on Thursdays and a couples’ night on Fridays. /DARREN LUM Staff

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People show their completed Bingo card at the Grease Sing-along fundraiser hosted by the Highlands Summer Festival on Saturday night, May 9 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton. The event included a loonie auction with such draw prizes as two tickets to a Stratford performance, two Forest Festival concert tickets and \$60 gift certificate to the Rhubarb. /DARREN LUM Staff



Tammy Rea of Sticks and Stones Production shows off her homage to the Grease Sing-along fundraiser hosted by the Highlands Summer Festival with her poodle skirt and side-saddle shoes.

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Sports

OFSAA bronze for Hawks badminton duo

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

It's hard to accept bronze after losing a pivotal semi-final match when a chance at gold at the all-provincials was so close.

However several days has passed for Red Hawks boys' senior badminton doubles team of Grade 12 Curtis Ballantyne and Grade 11 Caleb Schmidt who have come to terms with the significance of their achievement at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations from April 30 to May 2 in Markham.

Their coach Jason Morissette is proud of Ballantyne and Schmidt and points out the C flight bronze is an achievement worth noting despite the perennial regularity of the all-provincial trips for his badminton team. The team has sent players four of the past five years. This consistency is creating a confidence and atmosphere of expectation for excellence, which is good and bad.

It's been great motivation for players in his program, but it has caused people to not value the achievement because it has happened so regularly. Despite the perceived common nature of the achievement, making the all-provincials is never a given, he said.

A lot of work, dedication and commitment by the players and the coaches is essential for the all-provincial berths.

He understands the disappointment of a bronze for his doubles team when gold was so close.

"What they really wanted was to win the gold [particularly for Ballantyne]. It's disappointing because they lost to Cobourg in the semi-finals," he said.

The doubles team followed up the loss with a game that they admit they "were off a bit," which resulted in a consecutive tournament loss to the team they had defeated close to a week earlier for gold in the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championship final.

"You can't be off a little bit or else," he said, referring to the upset.

In the bronze medal game, the team dropped the first game, but strung together a pair of wins to take the match and the bronze.

The bronze is still an inspiration for the other players, particularly the juniors who will join the senior team next year, who demonstrated their own abilities when they won the COSSA team title, Morissette said.

Ballantyne enjoyed being able to play in front of his parents, who both came.

In his final year, he understands the rare nature of his accomplishment and appreciates the bronze, even if a little begrudgingly.

"Just thinking about it, it's pretty cool that I ended up with three medals, but all the exact same," he said, slightly disappointed.

It's Ballantyne's second C flight bronze medal for badminton in as many years and his third OFSAA medal (won with Hawks boys' hockey team last year) in four years. He will graduate and leave school this year and doesn't expect to continue playing badminton at a high level.

Schmidt's entire family, including his three brothers made the trip to see him and his partner.

This included his dad, Bob Schmidt, who is the Red Hawks junior coach, and his brother Darcy Schmidt who is a Red Hawks alumnus who went to OFSAA three years ago and finished seventh in singles.

Schmidt received help from his brother and appreciated the guidance.

He said the championship experience was amazing. "The atmosphere was great. The courts were awesome. Watching the men's singles A finals was pretty cool too," he said, referring to the Pan Am Games venue. "You get to see how good other people are and see how they play and learn a few things from them so that was nice."

For next year he has his sights on making the all-provincials for boys' singles.

His brother Darcy will be helping him to get back there.

"He'll help me now in practice and get ready for next year, which will be good too because he knows a lot. He'll help me with my overall skill," he said.

To win the bronze, the team won two consecutive matches to secure the C flight bronze.

They finished with a tournament record of 4-3.



The senior Red Hawks boys' doubles team of Curtis Ballantyne, left, and Caleb Schmidt returned from the all-provincials with bronze medal. Although they were initially disappointed because they were close to a chance at a gold medal, the team is satisfied with their achievement. /DARREN LUM Staff

The semi-final win at COSSA to earn them the berth to final and the all-provincials was a highlight for Ballantyne, who credited his partner with solid play.

"It was a really good game we both played. It was

pretty exciting to win that and just getting to OFSAA was a really good accomplishment. So the whole OFSAA experience was pretty sweet," he said.

Red Hawks progressing after each game

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

After a 3-0 loss against the visiting I.E. Weldon Secondary School Wildcats of Lindsay, the junior Red Hawks girls' soccer team has reason to be smiling despite the loss.

The coach Amy Klose said at the start of the season this year wasn't going to be about the wins and losses. It was about making improvements.

A week earlier the team lost 6-0 to the Wildcats while in Lindsay.

"We've got the big improvement," she said, referring to reducing the goals allowed in half.

The first 20 minutes of the game her team was moving the ball well, creating space, she said.

"They were fired up," she said.

It was great to see her team, she said, out chance the opponents.

However the Wildcats withstood the attack and then responded with three first-half goals, as the home side's ability to receive and make strong passes was diminished.

First-year goalie Alyssa Bogan was solid in net for the Hawks, helping to keep the game close.

Despite the loss, the team remained positive and it's owed to the measurable progress.

"They're positive. They're really working with each other, which is awesome," she said.

Meeting the goals of communication and ball possession continues to be part of the team's determination for success.

The team will play its last game against the Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons on Wednesday, May 13 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton.



The Red Hawks junior soccer player Sonya Flatman looks to turn the ball upfield against the I.E. Weldon Wildcats on Thursday, May 7 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton. The Hawks remain winless despite early offensive pressure in the 3-0 loss to the Lindsay side. /DARREN LUM Staff



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Staff Reporter

It's a dream come true.

Eagle Lake resident Pablo Bonilla, 36, has always wanted to surf with the pros and will get his chance later this month when he competes in the Canadian Surfing Championships from May 30 to 31 in Tofino, British Columbia.

Last year he qualified with a first place in shortboard when he competed in the second annual West Shore Huron Classic surfing competition on Oct. 18 after he was invited by the Blu Wave SUP team.

Little did he or his wife Holly Bishop know it was a qualifier for the Canadian Surfing Championship where he will represent The Great Lakes Surfers in the pro shortboard division and the pro amateur longboard divisions. This is the first time, he said, a Great Lakes surfer will compete in the Canadian Surfing Championships.

When the organizers told him he qualified for the national event it floored him.

"For me it was just great news. Finally, a life dream come true: you know, to be able to go to a professional event and surf in the professional division," he said.

It's been four years since he was involved in competitive surfing.

He's competed at professional events, but it was usually the pro amateur category.

Originally from Rosarito Beach, Baja California, Mexico, Bonilla has lived in Eagle Lake for the past five years with wife Bishop and three young daughters.

He is an accomplished surfer, but did it for the fun mainly.

"I never really got into a professional division when I was doing my surfing. I never was that interested. I just wanted to surf around Mexico and hang out with my friends and have a good time, you know. At the same time I was doing a major in marine science so ... I didn't have the time," he said.

His resume includes representing Mexico at the ISA World Surfing Games in Portugal and is a three-time Mexican National Longboard Champion.

It was a frigid qualifier on the shores of Kincardine this past autumn.

People who were watching and volunteering for the autumn qualifier were wearing winter coats.

Bonilla, who was in his wetsuit for eight hours, used the heated bathroom and showers to stay warm between runs for all three categories available (shortboard, longboard and stand up paddle board). He also admits a North American diet helped a little bit with his ability to tolerate the cold.

"All of those French fries [I've eaten] definitely got me a little bit of a layer for sure," he said, laughing. "Definitely, I lost my arms so in that event I was surfing three divisions I couldn't paddle anymore."

He just loved being on the waves, but managed to focus on putting together two strong runs for each category.

There wasn't much to why he competed in every category, except it was just about the passion for surfing that kept him coming back out to the cold surf.

"I've always been of the thought that if I go to surf contest ... I just want to be out there surfing," he said. "I wasn't thinking about the prizes or winning. I was more thinking about getting some waves to myself. It's always been like that. I have a long history of riding a lot of divisions and I had results where I end up winning all the divisions. I guess it's part of my nature. I just want to go out there and catch as many waves as I can."

Bonilla won the longboard and got second in the shortboard and the Stand Up Paddle.

Although he is yet to be a citizen, Bonilla (a permanent resident) has made Canada and Haliburton his home the past five years where he works at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride in the winter and teaches Stand Up Paddle lessons with his wife the rest of the year.

Back in 2004, he met Bishop, who was travelling in Mexico, while on break from his post-secondary school studies and fell in love.

Up until 2010, the couple was living on the beaches near Los Cabos, teaching surfing, fishing, and raising their three daughters.

Bishop joked about how he might have a heart attack last autumn, considering how active he was in the event. However she knew her husband was the happiest person out there doing what he loved.

"As long as he is in the water he is the happiest man in the world," she said.

For his efforts, in competing in every category, he was



Eagle Lake resident Pablo Bonilla is heading to Tofino, British Columbia to compete in the Canadian Surfing Championships from May 30 to 31 at Cox Bay. He will represent the Great Lakes Surfers and compete in the pro shortboard and the pro am longboard divisions. Submitted by Holly Bishop

awarded the West Shore Waterman Award.

Coincidentally, the Tofino event is working out to be the best opportunity for a honeymoon close to Bonilla and Bishop's 10th wedding anniversary.

Bishop said every vacation has included their three daughters so this will be one trip where it'll just be the adults.

He's not certain of his chances in the short board pro event, but is confident he will do well in the long board event because of his strong career results, including his national titles.

The key will be catching good waves and executing a combination of manoeuvres.

He will be focusing his attention on shortboard competition for greater attention and opportunities for raising his surfing profile.

Bonilla hopes to get one more surf session in Kincardine before he goes to Tofino.

Since his qualification, he has been training to prepare.

His training is based on teachings of a Brazilian fitness trainer, who helped him back in 2008 when he rep-

resented Mexico, and it includes running, stretching, particularly his groin because of his age, capoeira – brazilian martial arts, and gymnastica – a blend of gymnastics and yoga.

The Blu Wave SUP team member is appreciative to his wife's family, the West Shore Shop, who helped organize the qualifying event and the California Surf Shop, who provided him with boards and a wetsuit.

Up for grabs in Tofino is \$25,000 in prize money, but for Bonilla there is also an opportunity to pursue his lifelong surfing dreams.

He and his wife hope to be there four days before the event to figure out accommodations and other details.

"Now that I feel back to my surfing, I got three or four more years to get it done to get myself in the same kind of fitness and same kind of level [when he was surfing competitively]. We'll get to know how it works this year and definitely next year we'll do even better. That's how it works. [But] sometimes you never know the first time you're there you're surprised," he said.

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Brian Nicholson, Director of Public Works.



QUOTATION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TWO (2) 120,000 BTU CHIMNEY VENT OIL FURNACES

The Municipality of Dysart et al is inviting quotations for the installation of two (2) 120,000 BTU Chimney Vent Oil Furnaces at Harcourt Community Centre. All prices are to include the cost for the removal and disposal of the two existing furnaces and the oil tank as well as the cost of the two new furnaces and the supply of one new oil tank (double bottom 12 gauge 200 gallon oil tank) and any other material needed to complete the job.

Quotation Documents and execution forms can be obtained at the Dysart Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton or on our website at www.dysartet.al.ca.

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Next Monday, Victoria Day, is often considered the beginning of summer in this area. Have we had spring already? In any case this upcoming long weekend will be welcome and greatly enjoyed in the Highlands.

Though curling ended for the season a month ago local curlers and their supporters hope to sweep many off their feet to enjoy a delicious roast beef dinner on the evening of Saturday, May 16 at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre.

That's this coming Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m. when the curlers will do the cooking for you. Adults and those over 13 will dine including dessert and tea or coffee for \$15. Children five to 12 pay \$7 while those under five eat free.

Also on Saturday, May 16, there will be yard sales in this area.

The local Fire Heritage Committee is holding an open house and yard sale at the Wilberforce fire hall that day from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Funds raised will help restore Old No. 1 fire truck.



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On up the street at St. Margaret's Anglican Church also on May 16 there will be a yard sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Funds raised will assist in outreach efforts both locally and beyond this area. Free coffee. If you have something to contribute leave it at the church front door Friday afternoon before 5 p.m.

Look for signs for other sales. Remember that one person's trash is another one's treasure.

Wilberforce and much of Highlands East were happily invaded by avid geocachers during the past weekend. They came for the Geocaching Capital of Canada GeoTour.

Though geocaching is an ongoing pursuit this was a special event, a GeoTour that kicked off Saturday, May 9, at the Lloyd Watson Centre.

Chief organizers Joanne Vanier and Mary Barker were there as participants registered at 9 a.m. and downloaded a list of 100 caches and the co-ordinates to find them. They received a passport to record information for the GeoTour's website.

A word of explanation: geocaching is high tech treasure hunting using a smartphone or a special GPS unit that tell you where you are on earth and where on earth these secret caches are hidden. Makes compasses seem antiquated, doesn't it?

Though there are other tours of this kind across Canada and around the world, this is one of six in all of Ontario. Some local enthusiasts and some from places such as Burlington and Brantford participated. Some stayed for two days.

What fun the eager cachers had driving, hiking, searching, recording, organizing their routes to locate as many caches as possible. There were even three sites that were for night cachers only. And there were prizes!

Cachers gathered back at the LWMC for dinner Saturday evening and to enjoy some time with fellow searchers.

The caches are set up to remain for those who go out regularly throughout the year and those who will return for more fun exploring and searching.

Congratulations to Joanne and Mary and all who worked long hours to organize this fun event and help people enjoy the villages and hills and dales of Highlands East.

The website is geocachingcapitalofcanada.com.

Before it becomes yesterday's news, we report that the music of the Gryphon Trio was much appreciated at the first of the Concert Series program at the Northern Lights Pavilion on Saturday, May 2.

A program of piano, cello and violin of music by composers Haydn, Beethoven and Canadian R. Murray Schafer.

Then on May 3 and 5 the Highlands Festival Singers presented their spring concert entitled Flowers and Gardens at the Haliburton United Church.

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FIONA KELLY

Chief Nursing Officer – HKRP Health Unit

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Health unit nurses also work closely to investigate infectious diseases and control outbreaks throughout the community so the health of local residents is protected.

As people get older, our nurses provide information on healthy aging, falls prevention tips and the need to be vaccinated against certain diseases such as influenza and pneumonia. In particular, we work with long-term care homes to ensure proper infection control practices are followed to reduce the spread of illnesses that can greatly affect older, and more vulnerable, residents.

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National Nursing Week 2015

May 11 to 17 is National Nursing Week, alongside International Nurses Day and Florence Nightingale's birthday, May 12.

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With more than 408,000 regulated nurses in Canada, the largest of any health provider group, nurses are the backbone of our health system. This week, we recognize the profession for their dedication and commitment to making Canada a healthier nation.

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Easy Ryders began their weekly summer schedule on May 5 at the Community Centre. Their first route began along Green Lake Road, continued on to the Barry Line, then North Shore Road.

A beautiful graveside service was held on May 9, 2015 at Maple Lake United Church cemetery for Bernice (Redner) Fader of Blenheim, Ont., who died on April 26. Everyone was invited to reminisce and express condolences over lunch served by the family afterwards at the Community Centre. At the table where a guest book was available were placed not only the funeral notices but also booklets of recipes for each of us to bring home. As Bernice's sister, Joan Cooper explained, Bernice loved to give, and as her favourite time of year was Christmas, it was fitting for a selection of 15 Christmas recipes be compiled into a booklet. The tribute will keep us in mind of

the kind of happy and wonderful person we loved who will be missed so much.

Equally sad to report, closer to home is the passing of Colleen Davison who died on May 6 at Extendicare. Colleen and Cliff had lived together at Extendicare for approximately two years, coming back to their Grass Lake home whenever family members were able to be there with them for brief visits which meant so much to all of them. Colleen's artistry and creativity came into play in the oil paintings which beautified her home. She was hostess to St. Andrew's Church ACW on a number of occasions and also attended Maple Lake United Church over the years spent at Guilford. Condolences are sent to Cliff and the family for the loss of this well-loved wife and mother, sister and friend.

Abbey Gardens opened on May 7 with The Food Hub available from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. until May 10 with longer days and hours beginning on May 16. This Spring Celebration begins at 1 p.m. and goes till 4 p.m. with food and entertainment. Tai Chi demonstration is presented at 2 p.m. Brewery is available to the public as well. Abbey Gardens is such a colourful place to be.

Euchre Scores for May 5

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When: May 16th starts at 8:00 am to 2:00 pm (Weather Permitting)

Where: #1 & #9 Lake Ave., Haliburton

(one block west of “downtown”)

What: Multi Yard Sales
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When: Saturday May 16th
Starts at 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Where: The Wilberforce Fire Hall

What: Garage Sale!
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When: May 16 and 17, 9am-2pm

Where: 8 Chandos St. Minden

What: Moving Sale
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When: Saturday May 16th Only!
8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Where: 1316 Wessell Rd.
(1.4 Kms from Hwy 35 at Moore Falls)
Watch for the signs & balloons, or call Nancy cell # 905-432-0114

What: Decor, Furniture, Toy Cars/Trucks, Boys & Ladies Clothing, Shoes, Boots, Etc.!



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When: May 16th & May 17th
Starts at 10am to 5 pm
Where: 1404 North Shore Rd
Hwy 35 North approx. 5 km past Carnarvon Turn onto North Shore Rd. (approx. 2km)
What: Household items, furniture, tools, books & Much More



When: Saturday May 16th
Rain or Shine
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Where: 1103 Ravine Rd.
(South of Minden off Hwy 35)

What: Household & Garage Items
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When: Saturday May 16th
From 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Sunday May 17th
From 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Where: 1127 Fallowfield Rd.,
(off of Glamorgan Rd., Second House on the left)

What: Household items, glass wares, dresser, retro floor model radio, Dodge Pick up and much more!



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Please submit your cover letter and resume in confidence by
3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 to:

Angie Bird, CAO/Clerk
Township of Algonquin Highlands
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Please submit a confidential resume and cover letter, preferably by email, no later than **12:00pm on Thursday, May 28, 2015** to the attention of **Cheryl Coulson, Clerk.**

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THURSDAY MAY 14th 2015
7.30 PM

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NOTICE: TO ALL VETERANS & LEGION MEMBERS

The RCL Provincial Service Officer
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It was Bert's wishes for cremation and no services.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.

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Colleen Yvonne Davison (nee Hunt)
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It is with heavy hearts that the family announce Colleen's sudden passing at the Haliburton Hospital on Wednesday morning, May 6, 2015 in her 85th year. Beloved wife of Clifford. Loving mother of Doug (Janice), Diane (Robert), Shirley-Anne (Richard). Cherished grandmother of Christa and Lora. Dear sister of Bev Hunt. Fondly remembered by her nephews, other family and friends. Predeceased by her parents Albert and Annie Hunt and by her sister Shirley Hetherston. Colleen liked painting, crafts, knitting, crocheting and was an avid word search and Euchre player.

Visitation, Memorial Service & Reception

Friends may call at **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy 118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209 on Saturday morning, June 6, 2015 from 10 o'clock until the time of Memorial Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. Private Interment Maple Lake United Church Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario would be appreciated by the family.

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Gallaugh-Reese, Debora

Entered into rest peacefully, surrounded by her family, at her home near Cannington on Monday, May 4th, 2015. Survived by her husband Don of 20 years, son Adam, parents Earl and Shirley Gallaugh of Haliburton, sister Kathy (Paul) Diceman and their children Marissa & Patrick of Aurora, Susan Gallaugh of Feversham, step children Adrian (Rahill) and their children Afton, Isabella & Julianna, Sonja and her daughter Nya, Ashley and his son Cameron, step sister and brother-in-laws Betty (Don) of Stouffville, Louise (Greg), Gail (Raymond), Bill (Lynn) and Frank (Sandy) all of Nova Scotia. Many thanks to Doctor's and Nurses of Newmarket Stronach Cancer Unit, and Nurses of Palliative Care, Franzis Henke N.P. from CCAC and Nurses from Home Care and Wee Care Staff. Friends are invited to call at the Thorne Funeral Home, 109 Laidlaw St. S. in Cannington on Friday, May 15, 2015 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Funeral Service from Egypt Church of the Nazarene, 6779 Smith Blvd. in Sutton West on Saturday, May 16, 2015. Visitation at the Church from 12 noon until time of Funeral Service at 2:00 pm. Interment at Cedar Vale Cemetery near Cannington. Many thanks to Pastor Alex Constable and Pastor Doug Neufeld. As a remembrance, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or to an Education Trust Fund for Adam (BMO Sutton West), would be gratefully appreciated.

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